

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 81.

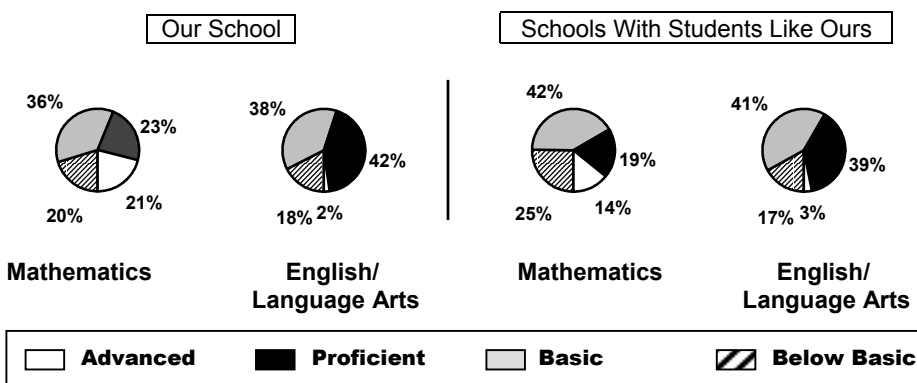
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=274)	82.5	79.6	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=23)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=250)	87.6	83.3		
Gender				
Male (n=132)	80.3	77.4		
Female (n=141)	85.1	81.6		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=54)	63	59.3		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=212)	88.2	84.5		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=111)	73	70.5		
Pay for lunch (n=161)	90.1	86.3		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,227	N/A	\$5,227	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	92.2%	Up from 91%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	N/A	19.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=614)				
• Attendance Rate	96.4%	Down from 96.8%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0.7%	N/A	2.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0.7%	N/A	2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	97%	Up from 96.3%	96%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 2.3%	2.9%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=40)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.1 Days	Up from 7.1	7.9 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.3%	Up from 95.3%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	32.5%	Down from 37.5%	51%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	80%	Down from 82.5%	86.2%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.5%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	93%	Up from 89.5%	88.7%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,559	Up 2.2%	\$38,559	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.4%	N/A	65.1%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	100%	N/A	96.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	46.9%	Up from 27.8%	36.6%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Up from 0%	0.9%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	9	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	12.3%	Down from 16.7%	16.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.5%	Up from 6.3%	8.1%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been an outstanding year for St. James Elementary! Our students performed well in areas of academics and personal excellence. They engaged in a number of community service activities, setting an example for all students to emulate through the daily use of life skills in order to be prepared, productive participants in our community. Some of our many accomplishments are as follows:

- 22% of our fifth graders qualified for the middle school honor program;
- 31% of our students were awarded Gold and Silver Presidential Academic Awards;
- 27% of our students reached their Accelerated Reader Goal for the year;
- 21 of our students were named in the Duke University Talent Identification Program for Academic Performance;
- 2 of our students were selected for the John Hopkins Talent Search;
- St. James Elementary was named a Literacy Spot Award Winner; and
- 100% of parents/guardians signed parent/school compacts.

Our teachers worked very hard this year also! Carol Sellers was selected Teacher of the Year for the school. Nancy Rose has been recognized for her teaching excellence and is honored in the Sixth Edition of the Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000. Carolyn Powell, our Gifted and Talented program teacher, signed a contract for her third book of activities for gifted students.

We are extremely fortunate to have a very active PTA and School Improvement Council. The PTA raised funds for new outdoor playground equipment for the school. They also helped initiate and coordinated an after-school remediation program for selected students. Our School Improvement Council continues to encourage our study in the feasibility of our school becoming an International Baccalaureate School for the primary years. St. James Elementary is a richly diverse community of learners committed to a tradition of academic and personal excellence.

Mary Beth Heath, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	95.2	87.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	92.7	84.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	87.8	90.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 614 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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